(b) The children are being provided with treatment for opportunistic infections in Government hospitals. The family members and Community based organizations are encouraged to take care of AIDS orphaned children. The Government of India had initiated a feasibility study for AZT (Zidovudine) intervention to reduce Mother to Child Transmission in India at eleven centres viz Maharashtra(5), Chennai(3), Karnataka(1), Andhra Pradesh(1) and Manipur(1). The results were encouraging. The second phase of feasibility using single dose Nevirapine has been started on 1st October, 2001.

Central clearance for importing certain Drugs

2158. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:—Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for researchers to obtain Central clearance for importing drugs meant for trial on human beings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) to (d) Drugs and Cosmetics Rule 122 is being amended with regard to New Drug clinical trials in the country. Investigators/Researchers will have to obtain Clearance from Drugs Controller General (India) to initiate clinical trials on human beings. This proposal is likely to be implemented during the current year.

Setting up of PHCs in U.P.

2159. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in U.P. which qualify for setting up of PHCs but are without the same; and

(b) the steps being taken to set-up PHCs there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Primary Health Centres are established as per population norms based on 1991 census. The position of PHCs in U.P. (U.P. & Uttaranchal) as per 1991 Census is as under:

Required	In position	Surplus/Short
3723	3808	Surplus

The number of PHCs in (reorganized) U.P. is 3551.

During Ninth Five Year Plan, no targets for setting up of new Primary Health Centres, were given to U.P. as PHCs were already in excess of the actual requirement based on population norms. Instead emphasis was laid on strengthening of existing PHCs.

Diabetes among Adolescents

2160. SHRI KA.RA. SUBBIAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the study conducted by Delhi Diabetes Forum, diabetes is on the rise among adolescents;

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken to control or completely eradicate this disease in the country;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the programmes and schemes implemented by Government for the past five years to control diabetes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) Government is not aware of details of any such study. However, according to ICMR, there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in the prevalence of diabetes particularly in the urban areas.

(b) to (d) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. A pilot Project on "Strengthening of Bio-Chemical Laboratories and Quality Assurance", was initiated in 1999-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Punjab. The National Diabetes Control Programme has now been merged with the Indian Council of Medical Research which has constituted as Expert Group to formulate a revised comprehensive Plan of action to control diabetes. Central Health Education Bureau(CHEB) has also strategies/programme